

## Seminar invitation

# Promoting freedom of religion or belief: exploring the role of state and civil society

January 12th from 13:30-15:30 VARTORV Farvergade 27, 1463 København in Hjørnestuen.

Recent years have witnessed increasing attention to the right to freedom of religion or belief (FoRB) among governments and civil society actors, seeking to promote and protect this core human right in different ways. But little is known about what actually works. In this seminar, UN Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief Mr. Ahmed Shaheed will share his thoughts on how state actors and civil society organisations can promote FORB most effectively, ensuring synergy and complementarity.

### Program

13:30 Welcome  
*Jonas Adelin Jørgensen, Secretary General, Danish Mission Council*

13:35 Promoting freedom of religion or belief:  
exploring the role of state and civil  
society  
*Ahmed Shaheed, Special Rapporteur on  
Freedom of Religion or Belief*



14:00 Responses  
*Daniel Toft Jakobsen, MP The Social  
Democratic Party and chair for Network  
of parliamentarians for freedom of religion or belief.  
Franz-Michael S. Mellbin, Denmark's Ambassador for Freedom of religion or belief,  
Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Filip Buff Pedersen, Project Leader, Danish Mission Council*

14:30 Round table discussion

15:20 Concluding comments  
*Jonas Adelin Jørgensen, Secretary General, Danish Mission Council*

15:30 End of seminar

Participation is free, but registration is needed. Please register at [fbp@dmr.org](mailto:fbp@dmr.org)

The seminar is organized by the Danish institute for Human Rights and Danish Mission Council.

Read more about Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Religion or Belief Mr. Ahmed Shaheed and the mandate here:

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/Issues/FreedomReligion/Pages/FreedomReligionIndex.aspx>